

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

Your weekly visits are highly appreciated by us and I trust that I shall soon be able to send in another list of names. I cannot see how any member can afford to do without the paper. The 3000 mark could be reached quite easily by each member putting forth just a little effort. Why should we not all be interested that much?

And now with your kind permission I shall endeavor to answer some questions proposed from time to time by many who have written me concerning the work.

"What is your greatest difficulty?" This is easily answered: *The need of a church building.*

This is necessary in order (1) To satisfy the people that the work is to be permanent. As long as this is lacking, many persons feel more or less hesitancy in connecting themselves with the work.

(2.) A series of meetings cannot be held, (except at great expense,) unless the church owns property, or has exclusive use of a hall or other building. And without a protracted service now and then, even under more favorable conditions, work moves along slowly.

But why not rent a hall? Many people do not know how much it costs to do this; in this city halls rent from \$50 to several hundred dollars per month; besides very few halls are to be obtained in this way at any price, because as a general thing they are rented during the week by the night to the different societies, lodges, etc. We have the use of our hall on Sundays only; this costs us \$8 per month, (which is considerably less than the usual price.) Were we able to rent the same hall exclusively, it could not be done for less than \$50 per month.

For some time we have been working and praying for some way to open that we may hold a revival service; a number of friends seem to be standing near the church; a continued service at this time would, no doubt, result in a number of accessions.

We ask you all to pray that an "effectual door" may be opened. According to the membership, we have, we believe, a better attendance at our meetings than any other church in the city.

We also greatly need a worthy, spirit-filled sister, a helper in the Gospel, to distribute tracts, do house to-house visiting, and assist in other ways. Pray that this may be granted—that both worker and support may be supplied.

Have you had sufficient means with which to support the work? Yes, and no. By this I mean to say that while we have not had all that seemed to be required, yet we have always been able in some way to

meet our actual expenses, though more than once we were compelled to borrow money in order to meet our obligations. But praise the Lord, the straits and tight places through which we have passed, have given a new and sweeter meaning to Phil. 4: 11, 12. Let us trust that the time may soon come when we shall be able to hold forth the Word of life daily, if not in our own house, in our own hired house. This, of course, means greater expenditures, but it will pay richly. Brother McFaden is working after this method and we see already the glorious results. May all the dear brethren and sisters everywhere rally to the support of the great work he is doing!

I would like to answer many more questions, had I the time and you the space, but I feel that my letter is already too lengthy.

But before closing let me tender the thanks of the church here and of myself for all the help received from all sources. We thank the National Mission Board and those who support that fund; the same for the S. S. C. E.; the King's Children for papers; the Philadelphia church for its hearty and most substantial support; brother C. J. Keckler, of Philadelphia, for his private though liberal contributions; Brother (name not to be given,) of South Fork, Penn., for his splendid gift; Brother McFaden for his large donation of books. Boxes of good things have been shipped us from brother George Copp, of Virginia; Brother Hockman, same place; Brother and Sister Detwiler and Brother Dukes, of Ridgely, Md., also the dear mother of sister C. D. Engle, of W. Va., for the nice sum collected by her; also many dear members of the German Baptist church from various places in the brotherhood for their continued assistance in the good work; the Lord bless all with his choicest blessings and any and all others who have rendered help in any way. (We may have missed some names.) I write hurriedly. O yes, the box from our old home in West Virginia, filled by the loving hands of those who love the Lord, was highly appreciated.

And now a word to the ministry. We need your help. Come, preach for us. With the exception of Brother Bowman, of Philadelphia, and brother E. B. Shaver, of Virginia, we have been alone in the work of the ministry. Write me before coming. The Lord abundantly bless and prosper his work among us everywhere! Pray for us. Yours in his name.

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One may live as a conqueror, a king, or a magistrate, but he must die as a man. —Daniel Webster.

## BLOOMERS, OHIO.

For a long time there has been nothing said in the EVANGELIST about the Bloomers' church. But to day we come with a little bundle of news. First, we will say that death has been among us and claimed for its victim our dear old Brother Yearty. He has been faithful to the church and we hope our loss may be his eternal gain. While he had not been able to attend church for some time he was yet one among our number. We can say that this has been the first one gone since our church has been organized. And while the angel of death has been doing its work the Spirit of God has also been working upon the hearts of some. Yesterday at our regular morning service three were again reclaimed, and are now in full fellowship. It was indeed a busy day for Brother Keifer. He was kept quite busy from early morn until night. Shortly after breakfast those who were reclaimed came to our home and he spent the morning with them and then to the church where he preached an excellent sermon and then proceeded to restoring those who we hope will live holy and consecrated to God. He hardly took time for dinner until he with others drove four miles south to visit sister Dora Weavers who is lying very low, and by her bedside with only her mother-in-law and grandpa allowed in the room he talked and prayed and encouraged her to pray for God to restore her to health again; but to be submitted to his will if it were to live or die. And we hope God has heard their prayers and will answer the same so she may remain with her three little fatherless daughters of which the oldest is only six years old.

From there he drove to the home of Brother Coppacks to visit Sister Coppacks' mother who is also lying at death's door, and to encourage her on her pilgrim journey and only returned with a very little time to rest for evening service when he delivered one excellent sermon to a crowded house. Early this morning he left for home, and may our best wishes go with him, and may God's choicest blessings ever rest upon him and Sister Keifer.

I was going to add a little appeal to the brotherhood but seeing my bundle was getting too large I will leave that for some time in the near future, and instead will say, Brother Editor, we could not do without your valuable paper, for it brings such grand, good news from all over the world, and I could not even afford to miss one number. It is worth more than one dollar to me to hear what our faithful brethren are doing for the Lord. How I